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March 5, 1959

Dear Dick:

In my letter of February 5th, I gave you a quotation on modification of the bird with a new engine. Since that time, the program has firmed up, and we have discussed on the phone the costs for converting four aircraft, providing spares and ground handling equipment in the usual manner. The quotation for the four airplane conversion, including the four months of flight testing on one, is \$1,250,000. This compares to the \$527,375 quoted for the first airplane with flight test, plus the \$70,000 for stamping out enough parts for a total of four aircraft.

In accordance with verbal confirmation from [] we are proceeding to make the four sets of parts, converting airplane #342, and expect to be assigned a second airplane from the group at Muroc within the next week or two. I believe you want to wait until we have some flight test indication of the success of the program before you give us any more to convert.

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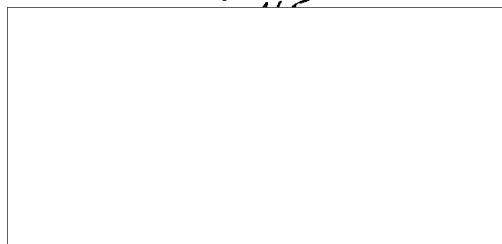
I would like the usual letter of confirmation that the above program is approved as you, Gene and I have discussed it in various phone conversations, and as I took it up yesterday with []

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In order to facilitate keeping Dan aware of our various phone conversations, I will, in the future, provide three copies of a follow-up letter similar to this, so that we can do a little better job of keeping our contacts up. With so many extraneous work efforts going forward, I agree with Dan and [] that we will have to have a little more correspondence than in the past.

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Sincerely,



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